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**Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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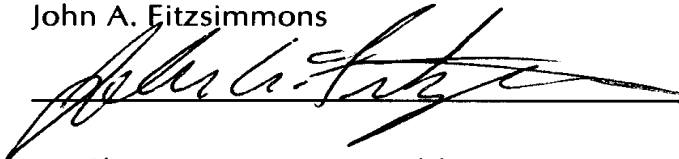

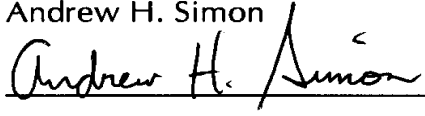
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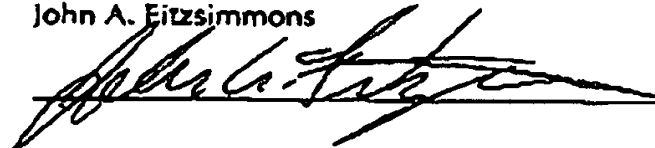
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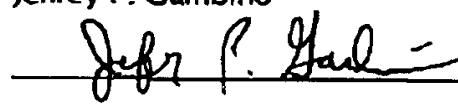
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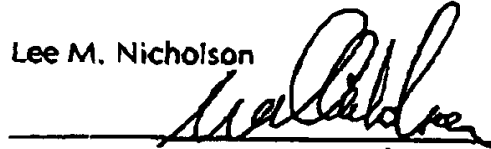
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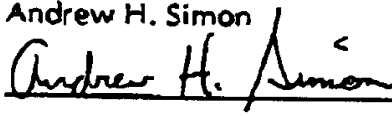
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